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INDIAN AGENT FAVORS SCHOOL FOR PIUTES

Estimates Secured on Cost of Necessary Buildings

WILL BE SUBMITTED TO WASHINGTON

Local Conditions Require Special Advantages for Indian Children.

O. L. Babcock, superintendent of the Warm Springs Indian Agency, as a business visitor to this city during the present week. Mr. Babcock has the Piute Indians of this section under his supervision, or rather the Department has him look after the interests of the few who make their home in this section and who have land allotments in this county.

Mr. Babcock was somewhat interested in the possibility of getting a school established here for the benefit of the younger Indians of the local tribe after being shown the need of such an institution. Because of local conditions it is an impossibility to allow the Indians the privilege of attending the public schools and mingling with the white children. Therefore if the Indian boys and girls are to have any advantages in that respect it was necessary that they be specially taken care of. This had been brought to the attention of the department in former years and an effort made to get a school established here. Mr. Babcock secured estimates on a school building and a residence to house the instructors while he was in Burns and the matter will again be placed before the authorities at Washington. It is sincerely hoped this move will meet with approval as it seems a pity that these boys and girls should be allowed to come to manhood and womanhood in such ignorance and filth when it is possible and the humane thing to do to give such aid as possible to bettering their condition.

This matter will have to be submitted to authorities at Washington for final action but prospects are favorable to its being granted.

Mr. Babcock investigated conditions of the local tribe while in this city, and conferred with Sam Mothhead who acts as "white chief" of the local tribe. He arranged for a lease of several tracts of land to the Indians and looked over the route the highway as it touched Indian lands, but we understand this matter is not officially put before the gentleman.

ANTON EGLI

The Times-Herald made mention last week of the death of Anton Egli about further comment. This was because the information had come to us after we had the paper ready for press and the fact that we had no opportunity to get any particular information of his demise.

Mr. Egli had been in poor health several years and it was for the purpose of recovering this that he had been spending most of the time in San Jose. We learn from a friend that Mr. Egli had been feeling better of late and his death at a particular time was wholly unexpected. A letter from Mrs. Egli, written just before his death but received here since, stated that he was feeling better.

Death came to him on Feb. 15 at San Jose but the body was brought to Eugene, this state, where burial took place on the 19th, he being laid in the family lot beside a son, Harold, who died in 1897.

Anton Egli was born in Slakiyou City, California, in 1857. He came to this county in the early '80's and established a home at the present location, returning to California in 1888. There he married Miss Julia Whitton and at once brought his bride to his Harney county home where they had since made their home. He is survived by his wife and four children, Ed and Ellsworth, the two sons, Leila and Marie, daughters. He is also survived by his brothers and four sisters, all of whom reside in California.

During his many years residence in this county he made many friends and was one of the most conscientious men it has been the good fortune of the writer to meet. He was an upright citizen who never did any

FORMER HARNEY BOY MARRIED IN KANSAS CITY.

Old time friends in this county recently received a letter in which was enclosed a clipping announcing the marriage of Lieut. H. W. Foester to Miss Helen Carr at the home of the bride's parents in Kansas City, Mo. The young man is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Foester who formerly resided at Harney. The young man had been stationed at Fort Sill, Oklahoma from where he was given his discharge. He went at once to the home of his bride and following the ceremony they left for California on their honeymoon. Mr. Foester had been superintendent in a mine in old Mexico previous to his enlistment in the army and his bride is the daughter of one of the owners of the property. His former playmates in the vicinity of Harney, where the young man was born, are pleased to again thus get in touch with him.

IRRIGATION FROM WELLS INVESTIGATED AT CRANE

Proposition Recently Discussed Bears Fruit; O. & W. Colonization Co. Interested.

The recent visit of B. F. Johnson and an associate in the employ of the Oregon & Western Colonization to the Crane neighborhood for the purpose of investigating the feasibility of sinking wells from which to irrigate land is a move along the line suggested through these columns in the past. The proposition was discussed but recently in these columns in connection with a story about the Wood well just east of this city and later in commenting upon the power possibility from the Warm Spring irrigation dam.

The matter of an adequate flow of water at shallow depth is pretty well established. The problem of a cheap means of bringing it to the surface is perhaps more important. Possibilities in this line are not lacking either as we have excellent prospects, yet it is not really in shape to make such a venture an immediate success.

Home people who visit irrigated districts realize upon their return home what the possibilities are in this connection and are frequently comparing our situation with other localities and see our handicaps, but do not seem able to suggest an immediate solution.

The interest shown by the Colonization Company in making an investigation is encouraging. That concern is able to put in the necessary machinery to test the flow of water and the cost of bringing it to the surface. If it is practical a big portion of this valley will not have to await the working out of storage system irrigation but may be developed and put to producing in a short time.

The proposal to bring the drilling machinery in and testing out the possibility of this method of reclaiming the land will receive hearty endorsement and will be watched with interest.

UNUSUAL PARTY GIVES HENRY GEER SURPRISE

People on the streets at nine o'clock last night were given a most unusual sight when sixteen of the young friends of Henry Geer wended their way across town to his home. Weird and wonderful as the party felt, nothing strange might have been noticed by the casual eye. Closer observation would have detected peculiarities in the gait of the "young ladies" of the party, and the rather short mincing steps of the "men." Assembling earlier in the evening at the home of Mrs. Julia Smith, an exchange of garments for those of the opposite sex was made. Costuming completed, the descent upon the Geer home followed, where hilarity and mirth became the order of the evening. A "trunk mite" such as few had witnessed was the feature of the program, after which dainty refreshments were served. Although no dancing could be enjoyed every one voted the occasion a huge success. Was Henry surprised? Ask Henry!

one an injustice. He was a kind-hearted neighbor and an indulgent man to his family. Mr. Egli had accumulated considerable property and stood well with all in a business way. He will be missed from the community where he was held in such high esteem, and mourned by sincere friends.

STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IS BUSY

Drive on for Commercial, Association and Individual Members; Appointment of Committee Chairmen Announced.

A membership drive for the Oregon State Chamber of Commerce has been launched by John L. Etheridge of Portland, state chairman of the membership committee.

During the past month an office force, working overtime, has been perfecting the committees organization for securing members for the new Chamber. A large room has been set aside specially for this purpose by Mr. Etheridge, Manager and Vice-President, Morris Bros., Inc., Bond House, in the Morris Building, 309 Stark Street, Portland.

The aim is to secure individual memberships from representative citizens of every town, community and rural district of Oregon, and organization memberships from every local commercial or development body.

Sheriff W. A. Goodman has been appointed chairman membership committee for Harney county. Also the following of Harney county have been appointed chairmen of the membership committee for their respective communities:

John Smyth, Andrews; M. J. O'Connor, Denio; Judd Wise, Catlow; Hamilton Brown, Diamond; Joseph Morris, Narrows; I. S. Geer, Burns; Frank Clerf, Alberson; J. R. Weaver, Crane; Ira Mahon, Harney; John Graves, Lawen; C. W. Drinkwater, Drewsey; Jas. Anderson, Van; J. M. McDade, Fields; J. R. Jenkins, Happy Valley.

"Every citizen who has anything at stake in the state of Oregon, or who has an interest in the progress and development of his own section, or of the state as a whole, will be interested in the State Chamber of

500 CARD PARTY AT C. C. PAGE HOME.

One of the first events to take advantage of the recent concessions made in the influenza regulations was a card party given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Page. Five hundred was the game for the evening, Miss Ethel Stauber winning the high score, and Miss Ethel Turner the consolation prize.

Since dancing was still under ban, a number of competitive games were staged. Of these, a certain crock race was particularly enjoyed, especially by the host.

Delicious refreshments made the

occasion even more memorable to the guests.

Among those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Waldo Geer, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Z. Smith, Misses Ellen Geer, Helene Dalton, Pauline Herner, Helen Sayer, Ethel Stauber, Gladys McKinnon and Leora Goodlow, of Burns, and Ethel Turner and Isabel Duncan of Crane; Messrs. Walton Brown of Crane, Nollie Reed, Olin Douglas, Henry Geer, Frank Smith, Floyd Fessler and Nathan Brown, of Burns.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Smith arrived home Thursday night from Portland where they had been residing since last spring.

CROSS-SECTIONING STARTED ON BURNS-CRANE HIGHWAY.

P. M. Hall Lewis, division engineer of the Eastern Oregon highway division, and R. B. Gould, J. Bowman and F. H. May have arrived in Burns for the purpose of cross-sectioning the highway between Burns and Crane.

On the completion of this work, actual construction will commence, probably by the first of June and assuredly not later than July 1st.

With \$123,000.00 now on hand, the highway can be completed as far as Lawen this year and to Crane in 1920. That the entire highway will be completed this year is a possibility that we can expect to see. While nothing definite can be learned as yet, it is understood that efforts toward that end are being made.

COUNTY PAPERS BELONG TO THEIR SUBSCRIBERS

Blue Mountain Eagle Says Readers Have Right to Its Columns for Helpful News.

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, Ore., Feb. 18—Newspapers are different from other businesses and in a way belong to the people of the territory they cover, declares the Blue Mountain Eagle, Canyon City, in a recent editorial.

"The people have a right to use the columns for the dissemination of news, and the editor is, and acts in the capacity of, custodian. The profits of course go to the editor but they are not enough to base an argument on, so the people can in truth and in fact regard the county paper as their own."

The Eagle passes the buck of finding the news largely over to its readers, on the basis of interest involved. News of things of benefit to their communities is wanted to let readers in other districts have the advantage of the enterprises. High standards are set for reporters as follows: "Avoid all petty contentions. Don't try to use the newspaper to get even with some one with whom you have no fancy. A good reporter is absolutely impartial and does not color the news with prejudice, personal interest, or to prove his own peculiar ideas. Just plain, straight statement of facts as they relate to those things in which the public has an interest."

From 70 to 75 per cent of readers of the county papers are rural, says the O. A. C. Press Bulletins, and farmers are fast coming to be advertisers as well. Attention to the marvelous increase in farm advertising in the northwest is noted by the press bulletins of the University of Wisconsin. Half page or even page ads of farm sales have replaced the old poster with results highly profitable to the farmer.

"HEY THERE," DO YOU WANT A HOME ON A FARM?

This is the unique title of a little booklet which the Secretary of the Interior, with the active cooperation of the War and Navy Department, is sending to the various camps of the army, navy, and marine corps throughout the country to ascertain the attitude of the men toward his plan for providing them with work and homes on reclaimed land.

The booklet is in the form of questions and answers which give a complete and concise description of the plan, and also has attached to it a post card questionnaire which the men are asked to fill out and mail to the Department. Each man interested will be asked to state his name, home address, age, occupation before enlistment, whether he has ever worked on a farm, whether he is interested in the plan, what kind of farming he would like to follow, whether general, live stock, truck, or fruit, and whether he would be willing to take a job in his own State or anywhere in the United States if a job on one of these proposed projects is offered to him.

A tabulation of the replies will be presented to Congress in connection with Secretary Lane's request for an initial appropriation of \$100,000,000 to begin construction on meritorious projects throughout the United States.

BIRD PRESERVE BILL AMENDED BY FINLEY

Removal of Objectionable Parts Will Not Help Passage

FIGHT AGAINST BILL IS CONTINUED

In Present Stage of Development Meddlesome Legislation Would Hinder.

Assurance that H. B. 376 would be killed was brought by County Commissioner Hass on his return from Salem Wednesday. "We worked them over pretty hard," said Mr. Hass. "I personally met and interviewed over thirty of the representatives, and became acquainted with every man on the committee. Representative Gallagher, who stands well in the House, and on the majority side, assured me that he would not let the bill get through."

Before the bill was reported out of the committee, State Biologist Finley rushed in with an amendment. His new idea was to ask Malheur Lake be excluded from the provisions of the Thompson Act in connection with the drainage of swamps. The amendment withdrew other features of the bill thought objectionable, particularly Section 2, providing for Federal authority for regulating the height of water.

Despite these changes, it was considered inadvisable to pass the bill, and the fight against it continued. Development of this section is at such a stage that any meddlesome legislation might be a hindrance. Being confident that the bill would not pass Commissioner Hass came home without waiting for the close of the session.

PIONEER WOMAN PASSES AWAY.

The many friends of the family were pained last Wednesday to learn that Mrs. G. W. Clevenger had died during the previous night following a severe and delicate operation. The lady had been in ill health for the past two years or more and her condition gradually grew worse. Last week her physician, Dr. B. F. Smith, after consulting with Dr. Griffith, decided upon an operation in the hope of her relief. This was done but the trouble was found to be different from what they had expected and after an interval of recuperation she was again put on the operating table the day before she died but it was impossible to save her.

Everything possible had been done to regain the health of Mrs. Clevenger. She had been taken to other climates and submitted to the treatment of specialists in the larger cities. Last summer she went to Prairie City upon learning of the illness of some of her relatives and there contracted typhoid fever which further sapped her already weakened vitality. When she had recovered sufficiently she desired to return to her home here and for a time following her return she seemed to improve, but again her health declined and her husband decided to take her to California as soon as weather conditions were favorable but in the meantime her condition grew worse and the operation was determined upon.

Mrs. Clevenger was born at Salem in this state on Oct. 20, 1868. She was a member of a pioneer family who came to Eastern Oregon early in her life. The writer does not know just when she was married to Mr. Clevenger, but they resided for a time at Payette, Idaho, and came to this city to reside some fifteen years ago, where they have since made their home.

She is survived by her husband, two children, Mrs. Will Walkup and Geary Clevenger, her mother, Mrs. Mary Johnson of Prairie City; a brother and sister, R. B. Johnson and Mrs. W. B. Cameron, of Austin, and another brother, A. I. Johnson, of Drewsey.

The remains were taken to Payette for burial beside a little daughter who died in childhood while the family resided there.

Mrs. Clevenger was highly respected by a wide circle of friends in this vicinity where she had made her home for so many years and she is mourned by them.

The community extends its sympathy to the bereaved family.

LITTLE GEORGE WASHINGTON DOWN TO DATE

